

Amendment to the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A connector for detachably securing a wiper blade to a wiper arm including a side pin, said connector comprising:

a base member adapted to be attached to the wiper blade, said base member including a receiving portion for receiving the side pin of the wiper arm;

a locking member; and

a flexible connecting member for connecting said locking member to said base member,

said locking member being operatively associated with said base member to hold the side pin when received within said receiving portion of said base member, and

said receiving portion of said base member comprising an arcuate recess and said locking member having part-circular recesses, wherein said arcuate recess of said base member is adapted to receive the side pin and said part-circular recesses of said locking member are adapted to hold the side pin in said arcuate recess of said base member, and

wherein the wiper blade includes a pivot pin extending in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the wiper blade, the base member having a joint portion adapted to be rotatably mounted to the pivot pin.

2. (Original) The connector according to claim 1 wherein the base member is configured to fit into a hook portion of a wiper arm of the hook type, the wiper blade being secured to the wiper arm of the hook type when the base member fits into the hook portion of the wiper arm.

3. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 2 wherein the locking member further comprises side plates arranged to be held in surface contact with the wiper blade so as to restrict vibrations between the wiper blade and the wiper arm.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 1 wherein the locking member is designed to move toward the arcuate recess of the base member, the locking member including a portion designed to be fittingly attached to at least one of the wiper blade and the base member.

7.(Original) The connector according to claim 6 wherein the wiper blade includes a pivot pin for mounting the base member, said portion of the locking member designed to fit to the pivot pin.

8. (Previously Presented) The connector according to claim 1 wherein the base member, the locking member and the flexible connecting member are formed as a one-piece member.

9. (Previously Presented) A wiper blade assembly comprising the connector according to claim 1.

10. (Previously Presented) A wiper blade assembly comprising a wiper arm having a side pin, a wiper blade having an opening through which said side pin is received, and a connector

rotatably mounted on said wiper blade for connecting said wiper blade to said wiper arm, said connector comprising:

a base member including a receiving portion for receiving said side pin of said wiper arm;

a locking member; and

a flexible connecting member connecting said locking member to said base member,

said locking member being operatively associated with said base member to hold said side pin when received within said receiving portion of said base member, and

said receiving portion of said base member comprising an arcuate recess and said locking member having part-circular recesses, wherein said arcuate recess of said base member is adapted to receive said side pin and said part-circular recesses of said locking member are adapted to hold said side pin in said arcuate recess of said base member,

wherein the opening is formed in a side of the wiper blade.

11. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade assembly according to claim 10 wherein the wiper blade further includes a pivot pin extending in a direction perpendicular to the longitudinal direction of the wiper blade, the connector being rotatably mounted to the pivot pin so that said arcuate portion of said base member receives the side pin.

12. (Previously Presented) The wiper blade assembly according to claim 11 wherein said opening is disposed on the side of the wiper blade that opposes a side of the wiper arm having the side pin.